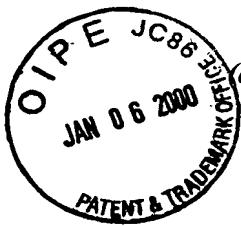


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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

(only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

Docket No.: 15275/8611 (Dobbins 2-1)
Express Mail No.: EL434484312US
Examiner: J. Hoffman
Art Unit: 1731

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
BOX: CPA

This is a Request for filing a:

continuation or
 divisional application

under 37 CFR 1.53(d), continued prosecution application, (CPA) of prior application number 08/833,620, filed on April 7, 1997, of Dobbins et al. entitled **METHOD OF MAKING FUSED SILICA BY DECOMPOSING SILOXANES**.

The above-identified prior pending application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this request for a continued prosecution application (CPA).

1. Enter the unentered declaration previously filed on November 23, 1999, in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4).
 - a. **Delete** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

- b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet enclosed herewith.
4. A **new** power of attorney is enclosed herewith.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form(s) and copies of references are enclosed herewith.
6. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended above:

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 18 - 20 = | 0 | |
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| [] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | | |
| *If the Total Claims are less than 20 and Indep. Claims are less than 3, enter "0" in Col. 2 | | | |
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| x 39 = | \$ | x 78 = | \$312 |
| x130 = | \$ | x260 = | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ | OR TOTAL | \$1002 |

7. A check in the amount of **\$1,002.00** is enclosed to cover the above filing fee.

8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1138. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

9. Small entity status:

A small entity statement is enclosed.

A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

is no longer claimed.

10. A copy of the Request for Second Month Extension of Two-Month Extension of Time as filed in the prior application is enclosed.

11. A self-addressed, prepaid postcard for acknowledging receipt.

12. Other:

Address all future communications to (may only be completed by Applicant, or attorney or agent of record):

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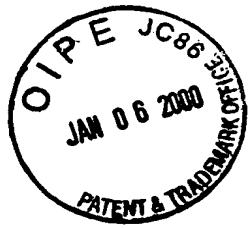
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Certificate is attached to the **Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)**
Request Transmittal Letter (2 pages) of the above-named application.

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